(क) क्या यह सच है कि पिछले वर्ष के दौरान कपड़े का निर्यात में काफी वृद्धि हुई है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है; और

(ग) क्या सरकार हथकरघा कपड़े के निर्यात को प्रोत्साहन देने का विचार रखती है?

वस्त्र मंत्री साथ में खाद्य प्रसंस्करण उद्योग मंत्रालय का अतिरिक्त प्रभार (श्री शरद यादव): (क) जी हां।

(ख) वर्ष 1988-89 में कपड़े के निर्यात 1022.32 करोड़ रु० मूल्य के हुए थे जोकि बढ़ कर वर्ष 1989-90 में 1382.60 करोड़ रु० के हो गए।

(ग) जी हां।

Setting up of Vyayanagar Steel Plant

*328. SHRI K.G.MAHESWARAPPA: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 2638 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 17th March, 1989 and state the progress made so far in the setting up of Vijayanagar Steel Plant in Karnataka?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI DINESH GOSWAMI): Substantive steps for setting up this project would be taken after the VIII Plant document is finalised and funds are allocated for this project.

Application for setting up Industrial Units by NRIs

@*328-A. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been a sharp drop in the number of investment proposals from non-resident Indians;

(b) if so, what is the number of applications for the setting up of Industrial units received from NRIs during 1987, 1988, 1989 and 1990 so far;

(c) what is the total investment proposed and actually made by them; and

(d) what are the main reasons for the decline, if any?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE): (a) to (c).

	1987	1988	1989	1990 (upto March)
(i) Number of applications received.	229	162	112	20
(ii) Number of applications approved.	167	102	54	14
(iii) NRI Investment (approvals)		(Rs. in Crores)		
(a) Repatriation basis	26.86	17.78	64.26	48.49
(b) Non-repatriation basis.	17.11	38.89	13.59	8.39
(iv) Project cost	222.42	228.98	577.08	182.44

(d) The amount of approvals as also the project cost involved have gone up in 1989 and hence the question of reasons tor their decline does not arise. The drop in the number of applications could be due to a variety of reasons. It is not possible to pinpoint any specific reason.

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